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Boggs' exterminating
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See Letter Book Gov:

for letter dated 26th Oct. 1838

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Head Quarters of the Militia
City of Jefferson

Octr. 27 1838

Sir

Since the order of this morning to you directing you to cause 400 mounted men to be raised within your division I have received by Amos Ross Esqr of Ray & Miley & William C. one of my side information of the most appalling character which entirely changes the face of things and places the Mormons in the attitude of an open and avowed defiance of the laws and of having made war upon the people of this state. Your orders are therefore to hasten your preparations with all possible speed. The Mormons must be treated as enemies and must be exterminated or driven from the State if necessary for the public peace their outrages are beyond all description. If you can increase your force you are authorized to do so to any extent you may consider necessary. I have just issued orders to Major Guel Willcock of Marion Co to raise 500 men and to march them to the Northern part of Daviess and thus unite with Guel Doniphon of Clay who has been ordered with 500 men to proceed to the same point for the purpose of intercepting the retreat of the Mormon to the North. They have been directed to communicate with you by express, you can also communicate with them if you find it necessary. Instead therefore of proceeding as at first directed to勸告 the citizens of Davis in their homes you will proceed immediately to Rushmore and there operate against the Mormons. Brig Genl Parks of Ray has been ordered to have four hundred of his Brigade

in readiness to join you at Richmond
The whole force will be placed under your
Command

I am very respectfully
Yrs etc st
William W Boggs
Com in Chief

To
Genl John B. Clark
Hayes No Co.

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